

Amendments to the Specification:

Please **replace** paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] The data storage management system of host node 12 can allocate unused storage among memories 16(1) – 16(z) for storing the contents of a data volume. Figure 2 represents exemplary memory structures (memories) 20 – 26 allocated by host node 12 to store the primary data volumes V1 and V2 and several PIT copies thereof. More particularly, Figure 2 shows memories 20 and 24 for storing primary data volumes V1 and V2, respectively. Figure 2 also shows memories 22 and 26 for storing data volumes S1 and S2, respectively. As will be more fully described below, volumes S1 and S2 are PIT copies of primary data volumes V1 and V2, respectively. For ease of explanation, the present invention will be described with reference to the first hierarchy containing only the primary data volume V1 and PIT copy S1, and the second hierarchy containing only the primary data volume V2 and PIT copy S2, it being understood that the present invention should not be limited thereto. A data volume hierarchy may include any number of related data volumes. A hierarchy with a complex relationship between constituent volumes is exemplified in U.S. Application Serial No. [[_____]] 10/610,603 (Attorney Docket Number VRT0011US) entitled Flexible Hierarchy Of Relationships And Operations In Data Volumes, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.